

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be reexamined.

Claims 1, 12, 15, 24, 27, and 37 are pending in this application. A final Office Action mailed December 26, 2007 (hereinafter "Office Action"), rejected Claims 1 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 7,130,841, issued to Goel et al. (hereinafter "Goel et al.") in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0080306, to Land et al. (hereinafter "Land et al."), and U.S. Patent No. 7,216,115, issued to Walters et al. (hereinafter "Walters et al."). Claims 12 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Goel et al., Land et al., and Walters et al. in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0059163, to Smith (hereinafter "Smith"). Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Goel et al. taken in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 6,324,566, issued to Himmel et al. (hereinafter "Himmel et al."); U.S. Patent No. 6,594,670, issued to Genser (hereinafter "Genser"); and Land et al. Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Goel et al., Himmel et al., Genser, and Land et al., in view of the teachings of Smith. Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons set forth below.

Claims 1, 15, and 27 have been amended to more clearly recite the claimed subject matter.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 27 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

As indicated above, Claims 1 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Goel et al. in view of the teachings of Land et al. and Walters et al. Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons set forth below.

Amended Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

obtaining, at a host computing device included as part of the computer network and associated with a user, a first user request to identify data corresponding to a set of criteria, **the set of criteria including a unique security ID associated with the user;**

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**verifying the authorization of the user to access the data
corresponding to the set of criteria based on the unique security ID;**

(Emphasis added.)

Goel et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest a set of criteria including a unique security ID associated with the user, as recited in amended independent Claim 1. Goel et al. discloses "a single query that includes at least one search term." (Emphasis added; Col. 1, lines 21-22). Goel et al. also does not disclose "verifying the authorization of the user to access the data corresponding to the set of criteria based on the unique security ID," as recited in amended Claim 1. Land et al. fails to supply the teachings missing from Goel et al. Land et al. is directed to a method and system for "using indicated text to automatically query a search engine for a database and return images that are relevant to the indicated text." (Abstract.) Land et al. does not disclose that the set of criteria include a unique security ID associated with the user. Land et al. discloses that the search for images is based on the indicated text. Additionally, Land et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest verifying the authorization of the user to access the data based on the unique security ID included in the set of criteria. Walters et al. fails to supply the teachings missing from Goel et al. and Land et al. Walters et al. also discloses that "it is possible to perform a search of a database by returning records that were frequently returned by other similar searches (e.g., those using the same or similar terms or keywords) without actually performing a Boolean search." (Emphasis added; Col. 4, lines 25-28.) Walters et al. does not disclose that the terms or keywords correspond to the set of criteria and that such terms and keywords include a unique security ID associated with the user. Furthermore, Walters et al. does not disclose verifying the authorization of the user to access the data based on the unique security ID included in the set of criteria. Therefore, amended Claim 1 is submitted to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed above.

Claim 27 substantially recites similar features as discussed above with respect to amended Claim 1 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to amended Claim 1.

Rejection of Claims 12 and 37 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

As indicated above, Claims 12 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Goel et al., Land et al., and Walters et al. in view of the teachings of Smith. Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons set forth below.

Claims 12 and 37 depend from amended Claims 1 and 27, respectively, and are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to amended Claims 1 and 27. Smith fails to supply the teachings missing from Goel et al., Land et al., and Walters et al. Smith is directed toward a method and a system for "searching information across different media types and sources." (Abstract.) Smith does not disclose, teach, or even remotely suggest "a set of criteria including a unique security ID associated with the user," let alone disclosing "verifying the authorization of the user to access the data corresponding to the set of criteria based on the unique security ID," as recited in amended Claim 1. Therefore, Claims 12 and 37 are submitted to be allowable for these reasons.

Rejection of Claim 15 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

As indicated above, Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Goel et al. taken in view of the teachings of Himmel et al., Genser, and Land et al. Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons set forth below.

Amended Claim 15 recites, in relevant portions, substantially similar features to amended Claim 1 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 1. As discussed above, Goel et al. and Land et al. do not disclose, teach, or suggest the features discussed above with respect to Claim 1. Himmel et al. fails to supply the teachings missing from Goel et al. and Land et al. Himmel et al. is directed to "an improved method for providing a set of bookmarks in a browser for retrieving Web pages in an Internet environment." (Col. 1, lines 9-13.) Himmel et al. discloses "determining client specific data associated with the requesting client; and . . . serving a bookmark set on the selected topic to the requesting client and appropriate to the client specific data." (Himmel et al., Claim 5.) Himmel

et al. further discloses that "the client specific data is a client identifier associated with the client." (Himmel et al., Claim 11.) Himmel et al. does not disclose a set of criteria including a unique user security identifier associated with the user, let alone disclosing "verifying the authorization of the user to access the data corresponding to the set of criteria based on the unique user security identifier," as recited in amended Claim 15 (emphasis added). Himmel et al. discloses that "the depicted process does not include any dialog for authorization or account information from the client. However, as shown in FIG. 2, in alternative embodiments of the invention such interchanges can occur." (Col. 8, lines 15-19.) However, Himmel et al. does not disclose "identify the contents of local computing device storage locations associated with a unique user security identifier," as recited in amended independent Claim 15 (emphasis added). In contrast, Himmel et al. discloses that the client identifier is associated with the client, not with the storage locations. Additionally, the client identifier disclosed by Himmel et al. is not used to identify contents of local computing device storage locations, but rather to verify account information for commercial purposes, such as purchasing (see col. 8, lines 5-20). Himmel et al. discloses that "once the server is satisfied that the bookmark set and bookmark set creator meet the desired criteria, in step 413, the bookmark set server makes the new bookmark set available to potential customers." (Col. 8, lines 9-13.) It is clear that the bookmark set is created prior to a client or customer accessing such bookmark set. Therefore, the authorization or account information from the client discussed in Himmel et al. is used not for identifying data corresponding to the set of criteria, but rather, for authorizing access by the client/customer to the bookmark set already made available.

Genser fails to supply the teachings missing from Goel et al., Himmel et al., and Land et al. Genser does not disclose "a set of criteria including a unique security ID associated with the user," let alone disclosing "verifying the authorization of the user to access the data corresponding to the set of criteria based on the unique security ID," as recited in amended

Claim 15. Therefore, Claim 15 is submitted to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed above.

Rejection of Claim 24 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

As indicated above, Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Goel et al., Himmel et al., Genser, and Land et al., in view of the teachings of Smith. Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons set forth below.

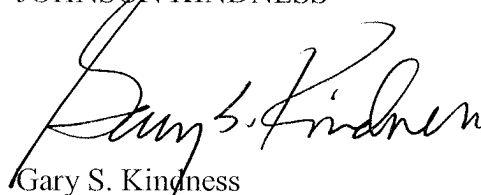
Claim 24 depends from amended Claim 15 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 15. Also, as discussed above, Goel et al., Himmel et al., Genser, Land et al., and Smith do not disclose the features discussed above with respect to amended Claim 15.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims pending in the present application, Claims 1, 12, 15, 24, 27, and 37, are allowable over the cited and applied references. Early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing this application to issue is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the number set forth below.

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